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Department of Justice
re: Microsoft Settlement

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Gentlemen,

I wish to express my opinions here about the proposed Microsoft antitrust matter.

Like most other frivolous litigation in this country this was never more than a hope for a "jackpot judgment" by the DOJ in the beginning. The nine remaining states that have refused to join the settlement simply exhibit their appetite for going after a windfall of money they do not deserve or have any right to. The only motivation is money and has absolutely nothing to do with antitrust, real justice, or any consumer or company being harmed by Microsoft. Also, I doubt any judgment received will ever benefit any consumer or company allegedly harmed by Microsoft.

This suit has been based on the assumption that the American public is too ignorant and stupid to be able to make decisions about the software and browsers they use, therefore unfairly hurting Microsoft's competitors. Nothing could be further from the truth with the intense competition in this market and myriad of choices available to consumers.

Microsoft has been key to the technological advancements in the world over the last two decades. They have created huge opportunities and profits for thousands of other companies to take advantage of. The financial benefit to this country and it's consumers because of Microsoft is incalculable.

I am very disgusted to say the least over any of this litigation. As a citizen, taxpayer, stockholder, and voter I urge you to bring this matter to a close and pursue worthwhile matters in the future.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Cunningham